THE WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

September 24, 1956

BOYS' GYMNASIUM

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting -- Important Announcements and Directions for Meeting Your Teachers -- Please be on Time.

7:45 - 10:10 p.m. Parents will Follow Their Children's Class Schedule, Meet the Teachers and Learn the Study Plans for the Year. (Be sure and check with your child for your schedule.)

YOUR PTA OFFICERS

John L. Wells, President, 2722 Arlington Ridge Road	OT 4-8421
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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MESSAGE FROM DR. WILSON

I urge each parent to join the Wakefield High School Parent Teacher Association. As parents, I know you have an active interest in the school and its activities because your children and their futures are so vitally affected by their school experiences. As Community members, I know that you are interested in the welfare of all the children of the community and truly believe that "better schools make better communities." I am confident that you feel that your PTA organization is one of the ways " to bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child," (Article I, National By Laws)

This organization makes it possible for you to become better acquainted with the school program, its organization, its accomplishments, its plans, and its needs.

One vital need today is an adequate supply of trained professional workers Wakefield has had and has an unusually able professional staff. However, the staff turnover has been constant through losses to more highly paid positions in business and in other school systems, and through maternity leaves in a staff composed of 60% women. One of the surest and most direct ways by which parents can improve Wakefield's program is to raise teachers' salaries to a level which would enable me to place able teachers in the classroom and keep them there. A serious investment in time and energy is made in the induction and training of each new staff member; it is imperative that we retain them long enough to have our children capitalize on this investment.

Your PTA provides an organization in which a better understanding of the school program can be achieved and through which organized efforts can be made to improve the level of professional salaries. I invite you to join me in membership in this organization.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Geo E. Clarke, Jr., and Mrs. O Gordon Dolk of the Hospitality Committee invites the parents of all the students to join with us and take an active interest in their children's work at school. Wakefield is a stepping stone for every student - some will go on to college and some into their Life's work. Regardless of which it is - your sons and daughters need your interest and encouragement in their school careers.

The "big social event" of the Fall will be the Annual Faculty Tea. It will be held Sunday, October 28th from 4 to 6 p.m. - in the cafeteria at Wakefield. This will be the opportunity for you parents to meet the teachers - renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

We are looking forward to at least 700 guests - so you know that your committee will need lots of help - we will be calling on you for (1) your assistance, (2) donations of cakes, cookies and sandwiches.

(Hospitality Committee)

Refreshments - Mrs. Clarence Hill, JA 2-4065; Decorations - Mrs. John Hipp, JA 2-9376; Publicity - Bob Howard - JA 8-1578; Cleanup - Mrs. Homer Davis, OT 4-9142; Checkroom - Mrs. E. D. Bell, JA 8-5651; Entertainment - Mrs. Nickson Hadley, JA 5-7510; Invitations - Mrs. K. D. Mackenzie, JA 8-2358; Hostesses - Mrs. Louis Walton, JA 7-0837 and Mrs. E. R. Mckinney, JA 2-6177.

TELL - A - TALE THEATER

"Tell-a-Tale Theater" comes to Wakefield this fall. Students interested in dramatics should watch for try-out dates. Additional boys will be needed for set construction and electrical work.

JRC DANCE

The first Wakefield JRC dance will be held at 8:00 p.m., September 28th, in the girls' gymnasium for the 8th and 9th grade students. A membership application and a list of the rules and regulations will be sent home by the students on Monday, September 24th. Please read carefully and note that the application must be filed in person by a parent or an adult guardian of the applicant at any regular JRC dance.

LIBRARY

Mothers are urgently needed and are asked to help in the library. Will all those who can type or who would like to help file cards in the catalog, process books for the shelves, and work withthe picture file please call Mrs. Ivan Rumsey, OT 4-8986 or Mrs. William Averill, OT 4-7442

PTA MAGAZINE

The PTA magazine "National Parent Teacher" is published monthly, September through June, at a cost of $1.25 a year. Parents and teachers wishing to subscribe to this magazine may do so at the school entrance before the start of the first PTA meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept 24.

SEASON TICKETS FOR FOOTBALL

The Wakefield Athletic Department is offering a season ticket plan, for adults, for our five home football games this fall.

The regular gate price is $1.00. Season tickets, purchased in advance of the first home game will cost $3.75.

If you are interested, please contact Mr. Sonen, Director of Athletics, by September 26. If you would like to save yourself an extra trip to school, make out your check payable to Wakefield High School, send it to Mr. Sonen, and your tickets will be mailed to you.

On the schedule below the 3 games held at Washington-Lee are considered our home games along with the two on our own field.

Sept 14 at Mt Vernon, 8:00
Sept 21 at Loudon Co, 8:00
Sept 29 Northwestern, 2:00
Oct 5 Annandale at W-L, 8:00
Oct 12 at Falls Church, 8:00
Oct 19 at Geo Washington, 8:00
Oct 27 at Episcopal, 2:30
Nov 3 Bethesda Chevy Chase, 2:00
Nov 10 at Washington Lee, 2:00
Nov 16 Thomas Jefferson at W-L, 8:00

LEGISLATION

As this bulletin goes to press (Sept 14) the outcome of the State School Segregation Legislation is still uncertain. At the end of the 3d week of its Special Session the Assembly remains divided while efforts continue to find a compromise to bridge the gap between the two camps. One camp supports Governor Stanley's plan for preserving segregation by withholding State School aid from any locality in which any integrated class-rooms are conducted. The other favors a pupil assignment program based on the Grey Plan. The compromise under active consideration today would permit localities to choose between the Governor's plan with the withholding of funds and a pupil assignment plan with responsibility for pupil assignment left with the local School Board, but subject to appeal to a local review board named by the Governor. The issue dividing the Assembly is not segregation; it is rather the role assigned to local government and local self determination in the strategy for preserving it.

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The Annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Womens Auxiliary of the Anderson Orthopedic Hospital will be held in the Wakefield cafeteria on October 20, from 6 P.M. on. This gala affair features a turkey dinner with all the trimmings followed by entertainment for all. The price is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children. There will be booths as usual with goodies and handicrafts for sale. All members are urged to come out and support our Hospital fund with an evening of fun for all.

Mrs. Marion Sharp
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